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Transfer Student Guide

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STUDENT

GUIDE

You're one step closer to becoming a Southern student!

Use this booklet as a resource as you make plans to call our university home.



SOUTHERN
ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY

Power for Mind & Soul

CHANGE THE WORLD

For Southern students, these three words represent a promise: combine your passion with God's purpose, and you can't help but make a difference on this planet. That's why we want **YOU** here. Because our passion is growing world changers.

Change begins with you, but we can help! Our professors spend time both in and out of the classroom teaching you **how** to think rather than **what** to think. That's true growth: education for a lifetime of learning. Here you'll spend time researching not only cutting-edge academic topics, but also who God wants you to be. Faculty mentoring, student-led ministry opportunities, and small-group studies with Christian classmates make this the most meaningful homework you'll ever have.

You are uniquely designed to accomplish career and Kingdom tasks that only you can do. So come exercise your brain and stretch your soul while pursuing an education that prepares you to tackle anything. These are the daily habits of **world changers**.



WHAT'S YOUR PASSION?

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Allied Health

Medical Laboratory Science, BS
Pre-Dental Hygiene, AS
Pre-Nutrition and Dietetics, AS
Pre-Physical Therapy, AS
Pre-Speech Language Pathology and Audiology, AS

Biology

Biology, BA
Biology, Biomedical Emphasis, BS
Biology, Research Emphasis, BS
Biology, Teaching Licensure, BA

Business

Accounting, AS and BBA
Business Administration, AS and BS
Business Administration and Public Relations, BS
Computer Information Systems, BBA
Finance, BBA
Long Term Care Administration, BS
Management, BBA
Marketing, BBA
Personal Selling, AS

Chemistry

Chemistry, BA and BS
Chemistry, Biochemistry Emphasis, BS
Chemistry, Teaching Licensure, BA

Computing

Computer Science, BA and BS
Computer Systems Administration, BS

Education and Psychology

Liberal Arts Education, BA
Psychology, BA
Psychology, Clinical Concentration, BS
Psychology, Family Systems Concentration, BS
Psychology, Industrial/Organizational Concentration, BS
Psychology, Psychobiology Concentration, BS

English

English, Literature Concentration, BA
English, Professional/Writing Concentration, BA
English, Teaching Licensure, BA
English, TESOL Concentration, BA

History and Political Studies

History, BA
History, History/Government Teaching Licensure, BA
International Development Studies, BA
Political Science, BA

Journalism and Communication

Communication, BA
Journalism, BA
Mass Communication, BS
Media Technology, AS
Public Relations, BS
Public Relations and Business Administration, BS
Public Relations and Graphic Design, BS

Mathematics

Mathematics, BA and BS
Mathematics, Teaching Licensure, BA

Modern Languages

French, BA
French, Teaching Licensure, BA
International Studies, French Emphasis, BA
International Studies, German Emphasis, BA
International Studies, Italian Emphasis, BA
International Studies, Spanish Emphasis, BA
Spanish, BA
Spanish, Teaching Licensure, BA

Music

Music, BS
Music Education, Teaching Licensure, BMus
Music, Performance Emphasis, BS
Music, Theory and Literature Emphasis, BS

Nursing

Nursing, AS, BS, and BSN
Nursing, RN-BS Consortium

Physical Education, Health, and Wellness

Corporate/Community Wellness Management, BS
Health Science, BS
Health, Physical Education, and Recreation,
Teaching Licensure, BS
Outdoor Emergency Services, BS
Outdoor Leadership, AS and BS
Sports Studies, BS
Vegetarian Culinary Arts, AS

Physical Therapist Assistant

Physical Therapist Assistant, AS

Physics and Engineering

Biophysics, BS
Engineering Studies, AS
Physics, BA and BS
Physics, Teaching Licensure, BA

Religion

Archaeology, BA
Biblical Studies BA
Missions, BA
Pastoral Care, BA
Religion, AA
Religious Education, Teaching Licensure, BA
Religious Studies, BA
Theology, BA

Social Work

Social Work, AS and BSW

Technology

Auto Service, AT
Auto Service Management, BT
Construction Management, AT and BT

Visual Art and Design

Animation, BFA
Art, BA
Art, Museum Studies Emphasis, BA
Art, Therapy Emphasis, BA
Film Production, BA and BFA
Fine Arts, BFA
Graphic Design, AS, BA, and BFA

Southern also offers graduate degrees in the following areas of study—**business, computing, counseling, education, nursing, outdoor education, religion, and social work**. The most up-to-date listing of degrees may be found in Southern's current Undergraduate Catalog. Visit southern.edu/catalog to access the online version.



SEEING IS

BELIEVING

YOU'LL LOVE IT HERE

Our nickname is Happy Valley: part geographical fact, part personal testimony. Students come to Southern from all over the world, and more than 20 percent stay in this area after graduation. With 50 student clubs and well over half of our students participating in intramural sports, you'll find limitless adventures on campus as well as nearby. Plus, our students in Engage Ministries, Gym-Masters, and multiple touring music groups travel across the country and internationally.

Nestled in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains and covering 1,300 acres, our campus provides access to 30 miles of hiking and biking paths. Hulsey Wellness Center remains a fitness mecca for students and community members, and Southern is home to natural rock walls with up to 60-foot climbs, a cave with underground trails and water, a ropes course, and an outdoor amphitheater.

Just a short ride from campus, Chattanooga takes recreation activities to another level with backpacking, whitewater rafting, paddle boarding, hang gliding, and the world's longest pedestrian bridge (seriously, it's been measured). If you're not the outdoorsy type, you'll find a professional orchestra, minor league baseball team, and everything in between. It's a growing technology and business hub; in fact, the city recently took the top prize in *Outside Magazine's* "Best Place to Live" contest – for a second time! And major metropolitan areas such as Atlanta and Nashville are a convenient two hours away.





AND WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU HERE

We love visitors! Campus tours are available most weekdays. For more information and to register online for a visit, go to **southern.edu/visit**. You will also be able to meet with your admissions counselor and a finance counselor and tour your academic department of interest. Our office needs two weeks' notice to set up your visit. If you want to take a peek without leaving home, explore the campus through **southern.edu/virtualtour**.

Want to join other prospective students and their families in finding your place at Southern? PreviewSouthern events were created for high school juniors and seniors, as well as prospective transfers, who are ready to experience what Southern has to offer. Participants will have the opportunity to walk our beautiful campus, talk one-on-one with faculty, find out more about our multiple scholarship options, and head downtown to Chattanooga for a fun event. Ask about the dates for the next PreviewSouthern!

SOUTHERN = GREAT VALUE

After comparing colleges and universities across Tennessee, SmartAsset ranked Southern #5 for students earning the best average starting salaries after graduation. Other factors explored in the best-value study included scholarships and grants, tuition fees, living costs, and retention rates.

Alumni of Southern also leave campus with less student loan debt, on average, than those from a majority of educational institutions across the country (*based on average as reported by U.S. News & World Report*).

A student transferring to Southern with more than 10 hours of college credit can qualify for a Transfer Academic Scholarship based on grade point average and ACT or SAT score. These scholarships range from \$2,000 to \$6,000 per year and are renewable for those enrolled full time (*12 or more undergraduate hours*) who maintain a 3.0+ GPA.

Transfer students who do not have an ACT score can qualify for a scholarship based on only their cumulative GPA (*3.0 or above*) with awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 each year (*if required cumulative GPA is maintained*).

To see a breakdown of estimated yearly costs for residence hall students as well as community students, visit **southern.edu/tuition**. You also can request an estimated budget sheet from your admissions counselor by emailing transfer@southern.edu.





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BASICS

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum college GPA 2.0
- Minimum ACT of 18 or SAT of 950 (or 1290 if taken prior to 2016)
- Students who have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above in 12 hours are exempt from submitting an ACT/SAT score unless required by school or department over area of study.

TRANSCRIPTS

- Only official college transcripts will be evaluated for transfer credit.
- Official transcripts are generally evaluated in less than a week. During peak times, the evaluation process may take longer.

TRANSFER CREDIT

- Southern has no limit on the number of credits that may be transferred in.
- Vocational/technical courses and remedial/preparatory courses are not given college credit and are not calculated into your GPA.
- Courses comparable to those at Southern with an earned grade of C- or higher may be transferred.
- If accepted, and after we evaluate your official college transcript, you will find your transfer work in your degree audit in your MyAccess account. To create an account, go to myaccess.southern.edu.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

In addition to the general admission requirements, international students must submit the following:

- College transcripts (if applicable) that have been evaluated by Foreign Credits (*if not on a 4.0 scale*) and translated (*if not in English*)
- TOEFL or ACT score
- If accepted, you will be required to fill out a Declaration of Finances form, submit copies of three months of bank statements for you or your sponsor, and pay a \$3,000 international deposit.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

To apply, visit southern.edu/apply. Our priority deadline for the fall semester is June 1 for both domestic and international students. However, it is still possible to submit an application after the priority deadline. There is no priority deadline for the winter semester. Southern requires a \$250 commitment deposit before you are able to register for classes. You can pay this online at southern.edu/pay or call 1.800.SOUTHERN.



GENERAL EDUCATION

As a transfer student, you've likely already taken some general education credits. To view all of the classes that are part of our general education requirements, visit southern.edu/gened.

CAMPUS HOUSING

Southern is a residential university, and single undergraduates under age 23 are expected to live on campus. Freshmen and sophomores are required to live in the residence halls unless residing with their parents full time. Students may request to live off campus if they are 21 years old, have earned 94 credits (*senior status*), and are graduating with a baccalaureate degree within two semesters. There are also a variety of housing options to meet the needs of single and married students. To learn more, visit southern.edu/housing.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Southern's spirit shines brightest during spontaneous Bible studies on the Promenade or impromptu prayer groups that crop up around campus. That light is also seen when professors pray or have a short worship before class, apply Christian perspectives to secular subject matter, and take time to encourage students with words of wisdom. It's a natural part of our package deal of caring for the whole person – body, mind, and soul. Additionally, more than 20 student-led ministries provide opportunities for outreach and service to the local communities surrounding the campus. Students often choose to spend a year abroad working as a student missionary, and many spend spring break on a mission trip or the summer participating in an evangelistic series. For additional examples and ways to get involved, visit southern.edu/chaplain.



ACADEMICS

Consistently ranked as a Top Tier university by U.S. News & World Report's "Best Colleges Guide," Southern is attracting the brightest, most ambitious students ever to campus and has numerous National Merit Scholars enrolled during any given semester. Curious minds and critical thinking are signature elements of education found here on campus.

Our most academically motivated students participate in an honors curriculum coupled with interdisciplinary learning and original research, while all students have opportunities to immediately apply classroom theory in real-world settings through:

- Service-learning that's folded into each and every degree so you can apply what's learned in the classroom to a community project
- Internships with Chattanooga start-ups, medical facilities, industries, and businesses looking for enthusiasm and fresh perspectives
- On-campus jobs in future-focused positions such as computer programmers, grant writers, and athletic trainers, just to name a few
- Personal connections with professionals during networking events on campus
- Road trips to career-related conferences all across the country

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS

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| Allied Health | 423.236.2926 |
| Biology | 423.236.2926 |
| Business | 423.236.2527 |
| Chemistry | 423.236.2931 |
| Computing | 423.236.2936 |
| Education and Psychology | 423.236.2765 |
| English | 423.236.2381 |
| Graduate Studies | 423.236.2585 |
| History and Political Studies | 423.236.2319 |
| Journalism and Communication | 423.236.2330 |
| Mathematics | 423.236.2874 |
| Modern Languages | 423.236.2221 |
| Music | 423.236.2880 |
| Nursing | 423.236.2940 |
| P.E. Health and Wellness | 423.236.2850 |
| Physics and Engineering | 423.236.2669 |
| Religion | 423.236.2976 |
| Social Work | 423.236.2768 |
| Technology | 423.236.2860 |
| Vegetarian Culinary Arts | 423.236.2550 |
| Visual Art and Design | 423.236.2732 |



LOREN BARNHURST



PROFESSOR PROFILE

You wouldn't expect rap music and animation to be in the teaching toolkit of a scientist, but walk into the classroom of Loren Barnhurst, PhD, Chemistry Department professor, and that may be exactly what you witness. These creative techniques have helped him earn almost annual nominations for the *President's Award of Excellence* at Southern, an honor he has taken home twice (2004, 2015).

Year after year, Barnhurst nurtures a unique learning culture that not only helps students master chemistry basics, but also gives them a deeper appreciation for the subject. He works tirelessly to create connections between concepts, but he works equally as hard building personal bridges between himself and students. He believes that establishing one-on-one relationships with them helps motivate students to invest academically.

Still, Barnhurst is convinced that each student's relationship with Christ takes top priority. He views morning devotions in the classroom as an opportunity to be honest with students about his own relationship with God. "Above and beyond chemistry, my big-picture goal for all students is to help them draw closer to Christ," Barnhurst said.

So if you walk by Hickman Science Center and hear rap beats coming from within, don't be alarmed. That's the sound of engaged learning, and it's 100 percent Southern approved.

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When should I apply for admission?

Southern has a priority deadline of June 1. However, because we have a rolling admission cycle, we will accept applications up until the first day of each semester. As soon as we receive your application, transcripts, and test scores (if needed), we will review your file and notify you about your admission decision via email, letter, and a phone call.

Whom do I contact with questions about transferring?

For questions about the application process and financial aid options, please contact your admissions counselor at 423.236.2532 or transfer@southern.edu.

Can I talk to someone about which courses will transfer?

The Records Office is happy to help you determine which of your completed courses will transfer to Southern. You can contact them at records@southern.edu.

Do I need to send transcripts from each school I attended?

Yes.

Where do I send my transcripts?

Please send your official transcript from your graduating high school and all colleges attended to the address below:

Southern Adventist University
P.O. Box 542
Collegedale, TN 37315

How do I reach my academic adviser?

After acceptance, you will be assigned an academic adviser who will help you determine which courses to register for. Your adviser will be listed in your MyAccess account under the Academics tab in your Academic Profile. You may also call 423.236.2844 and ask to be connected with your academic department.

Do I need to send high school transcripts even if I am a transfer student or a college graduate?

Yes. We need to see proof that you graduated from high school.

How do I know what classes I should take if I am interested in a specific major?

Email us at transfer@southern.edu, and we will provide you with a suggested course sequence.

Which courses should I be taking at my institution this year if I want to transfer to Southern next year?

At Southern, we require certain general education courses for all majors. To view a list of our requirements go to southern.edu/gened. You may take these courses at another institution and if they are similar enough to our courses, they will transfer in. To verify transferability, you may email records@southern.edu.



FAQs

What is the difference between official and unofficial transcripts?

An unofficial transcript is any transcript that you personally provide us with. An official transcript must come directly from your college. We can make an admission decision for you with your unofficial transcripts, and you may email them to transfer@southern.edu.

Is there any way to find out what my approximate cost would be per year?

In order to provide you with this information, we need your FAFSA. Our **school code is 003518**. This will allow us to give you an estimated budget of what to expect. This can include a combination of grants, scholarships, and loans. You will receive a Financial Aid Award Letter after acceptance.

Does Southern accept electronic transcripts?

Yes. The most common we use are Parchment, EScrip-Safe, and The Clearinghouse. Transcripts can be delivered to transfer@southern.edu.

How many credit hours can I transfer to Southern?

Southern accepts credits with a grade of C- or higher from all regionally accredited institutions and verifiable credit from international institutions. There is no cap on the number of credits that may be transferred.

I am an international student. Will my credits still transfer?

International transfer credits require official evaluation/translation from foreigncredits.com if not in English or on a 4.0 scale. We recommend you start the evaluation process early.



Whom can I contact to find out more about my housing options?

Call housing directly at 423.236.2222 or visit southern.edu/housing.

Can I visit to see if Southern is right for me?

We would love for you to come visit! Join us for an informative tour around campus, meet with your academic department, talk with a finance counselor and your admissions counselor, and eat lunch in our Dining Hall. Reservations can be made at southern.edu/visit. You may also email visit@southern.edu.





John Greer

JUNIOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATION MAJOR

"I chose to attend Southern Adventist University for a few reasons, mainly because it is a Christ-centered environment. The professors help students grow both mentally and spiritually—something I was not able to experience while attending a public university.

The second reason that I'm here at Southern actually has to do with the many learning disabilities that I face. The Disability Support Services team on campus coupled with great teachers equals the perfect combination for my academic success! They are truly interested in educating students and helping us achieve our goals.

I've found a new home at Southern."